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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5419

INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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TAGS: EGAR, TH

SUBJECT: RICE STRATEGY

REF: A. STATE 156853 (NOTAL)

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1. EMBASSY PLEASED TO RECEIVE WASHINGTON'S COMMENTS IN REFTTEL A AND FINDS ESPECIALLY REASSURING THE STATEMENT THAT NO "GLUT" NEED BE FEARED IN INTERNATIONAL RICE TRADE DURING 1975. LESS REASSURING IS THE STATEMENT THAT EVEN A 50 PERCENT DROP IN THE PRICE OF RICE DURING NEXT YEAR COULD HARDLY AFFECT THE "VIABILITY OF THE WHOLE THAI ECONOMY".

2. ALSO OF CONTINUING CONCERN IS THE PREDICTED AVAILABILITY FOR EXPORT FROM THE US OF 2 MILLION TONS, ROUGHLY TWICE THE EXPORT AVAILABILITY FOR THAILAND DURING AN AVERAGE YEAR, AND THE FURTHER ASSERTION THAT ONE MILLION TONS OF THIS RICE IS LIKELY TO BE TRADED UNDER PL 480 CONCESSIONAL

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TERMS. EMBASSY HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN INFORMED OF

THE MAGNITUDE OF THESE SALES AND HAD BEEN REBUTTING  
THAI EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN ON PL 480 SALES WITH  
STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FAVORABLE MARKETS FOR  
RICE MEANT THAT ALL BUT RELATIVELY SMALL SHIPMENTS TO  
SVN AND CAMBODIA WOULD MOVE THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS.

3. IN LIGHT OF KNOWN INTEREST OF THAI IN U.S. RICE  
EXPORTS, IN PARTICULAR PL 480 SALES, EMBASSY REQUESTS  
PERMISSION TO INFORM RTG OFFICIALS OF SUBSTANCE OF  
REFTEL. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING DETAILS AS  
FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE OF PLANNED PL 480 SALES IN  
ASIAN AREA, ESPECIALLY FOR INDONESIA. PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT  
OF INDONESIA'S SUBSTANTIAL OIL EARNINGS, WE HOPE  
DEPARTMENT WILL DO ITS BEST TO MINIMIZE IMPACT ON  
THAI ECONOMY OF ANY CONTEMPLATED PL 480 RICE SALES.  
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